

Railroad Corruption.
Democrats may honestly disagree about the wisdom of Mr. Bryan's plans for an ultimate governmental ownership of railroads, but there can be no honest disagreement about the absolute truth of his statement that "we have had no more corrupting influence in American politics than the railroad." This is so literally and absolutely true that it is not surprising, after all, Mr. Bryan has permitted his judgment to be so radical a method of reform as governmental ownership.

In the hall of municipal, State and Federal Legislatures the blighting and debauching influence of the railroad lobbyist has become more and more marked year by year. It is quite possible to look back to a period not more than two or three generations ago when the railroad lobby and railroad money had little or no part in shaping legislation, or in directing executive action. Yet, it is unfortunately a fact to-day, and has been for a number of years, that no legislative body meets, whether it be Town Council, State Assembly or Federal Congress, without the chance being strong that one or more railway companies has a paid representative of the membership roll. This statement is not the slightest exaggeration of the facts. It truthfully presents a condition which has come to be so common in American political affairs that the people of this country look upon it as a matter of course, and to a large extent accept the evil as one of which it is impossible to obtain an adequate remedy. This torpid mental attitude Mr. Bryan challenges with his recommendation for governmental ownership.

No one familiar with the experiences of the railway corporations will question the fact that railway managers have been sorely tempted. Black-mailing and sandbagging have met them on all sides, but no provocation of this kind can justify corruption. The theory that the necessity justifies the means has no more warrant in morals than in law. The railway lobbyist must be wiped out of existence, no matter whether he sits in the halls of legislation by the right of membership, or pursues his nefarious work in the guise of an "attorney."

It must be put an end to in one way or another and if there is no other way the American people will inevitably in the end accept that method Mr. Bryan is to-day advocating. Before they come to such acceptance, however, they can be counted upon to exhaust all other resources and to seek every possible course of relief which offers promise of success. Governmental ownership invites such a plentiful crop of new troubles that it is likely to be turned to only when it is wholly clear no other means will accomplish the necessary end—Editorial in St. Louis Republic.

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The Apple Crop.
Waverly Times.
The apple crop, which has always been an important product of this locality, is this year a record breaker. It is estimated by local apple growers that there will be from thirty-five to forty thousand barrels shipped from Waverly this season.

More than usual this year, it is hard for the growers and buyers to get together on prices.
Growers are asking 75 cents to \$1.25 per barrel on the trees for winter varieties, and buyers are offering 50 cents to \$1.00 picked and on the table for No. 1.

Previous years it has been the custom for buyers to buy by the orchard and do their own picking, they seem unwilling to do this and growers are slow to accept the low prices offered by the barrel. Only a few orchards have been sold so far, and these at prices disappointing to the grower.
The fancy varieties, such as Jonathan, Grimes Golden, York Imperial and a few others seem to be most in quest of by buyers and are selling at 85 cents to \$1.50 per barrel. The Ben Davis, which has been called the king of apples, and was the original "Big Red Apple," is now in ill repute, and the growers are asked to pick and haul them for 50 cents per barrel for No. 1 stock. This variety largely predominates in this section, and at these prices the big crop would be almost a failure, so far as remuneration to the grower is concerned.

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